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## EDITORIAL

# A new supplemental issue: Instructional course lectures from the French Society for Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (SoFCOT)

This first issue of *OTSR-RCOT* comes with a new supplement containing the instructional course lectures (ICL) delivered at the last meeting of the French Society for Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology (SoFCOT). A similar supplemental issue will now be published at the beginning of each year in the online English edition of our journal.

It contains all the lectures delivered at the 2012 SOFCOT meeting, translated in English, indexed, and categorised in five sections: adult orthopaedics, adult traumatology, paediatric orthopaedics and traumatology, surgical techniques, and general issues.

The creation of this new supplement is a major step forward for the SOFCOT, the *OTSR-RCOT*, and the lecturers. The SOFCOT ICL have always been extremely popular, and the conference proceedings published in book form have been widely used as reference material. However, these books were not indexed and consequently attracted only limited recognition, particularly as they were available only in France.

Availability of the lectures in English and their indexing in international data bases will ensure their dissemination to the international orthopaedic community, thereby extending the reach of French orthopaedics to a vast array of

countries; the authors, and their institutions, will finally be rewarded for their valuable efforts.

The SOFCOT ICL are now true scientific publications that meet the criteria for the review articles published in our journal. They are shorter than the former lectures but also more concise and more accurate. This advance has received important momentum from increases in the rigor and reactivity of the authors and editorial board.

This first issue is the result of joint efforts by the APCORT, the *OTSR* editorial board, the SOFCOT ICL editorial board, and our publisher Elsevier, who developed the model for showcasing these important scientific contributions from the French orthopaedic community. We extend our warmest thanks to all of them.

We wish you an enjoyable read!

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